



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
Firearms and Explosives

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REFER TO: 2016-0399

VIA Email: 24579-44953485@muckrock.com  
Mr. Martin Peck

Dear Mr. Peck:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 26, 2016, and received by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) on the same day, in which you requested records concerning any records regarding cryptome.org.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted both in the Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information as well as in the Office of Public and Governmental Affairs. Based on the information you provided with your request, ATF is unable to locate any responsive records subject to the FOIA.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c).* This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaisons, Darryl Webb or Zina Kornegay, at (202) 648-7390, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Sixth Floor, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site:  
<https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or

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electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Siple".

Adam C. Siple  
Chief, Disclosure Division